Coordination vs. Collaboration: A New Program of Beneficial Use in

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New Orleans District

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Why is it important?

There is reasonable potential to use about 45 million cubic yards beneficially every year

= 10 square miles marsh/year

New Orleans District
Major Navigational Channels
Mississippi River
GIWW
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Calcasieu
Mermentau
Freshwater
Atchafalaya
Houma
Fourchon
Baratarian
Tiger
Baptiste Collette
South Pass
Southwest

Relationship between DNR, MVN

Issues:

1) Federal consistency with Louisiana Coastal Resources Program's (LCRP) Enforceable Policies

2) Local sponsor issues –

3) Federal Standard and Incremental Cost

4) Long-range planning strategies and Integration of Programs –- How do we maximize the use of available funds and sediment?

5) Final implementation issues (how/why different from planned)

6) Making it happen

   1) 6a) Streamlining the bureaucratic process

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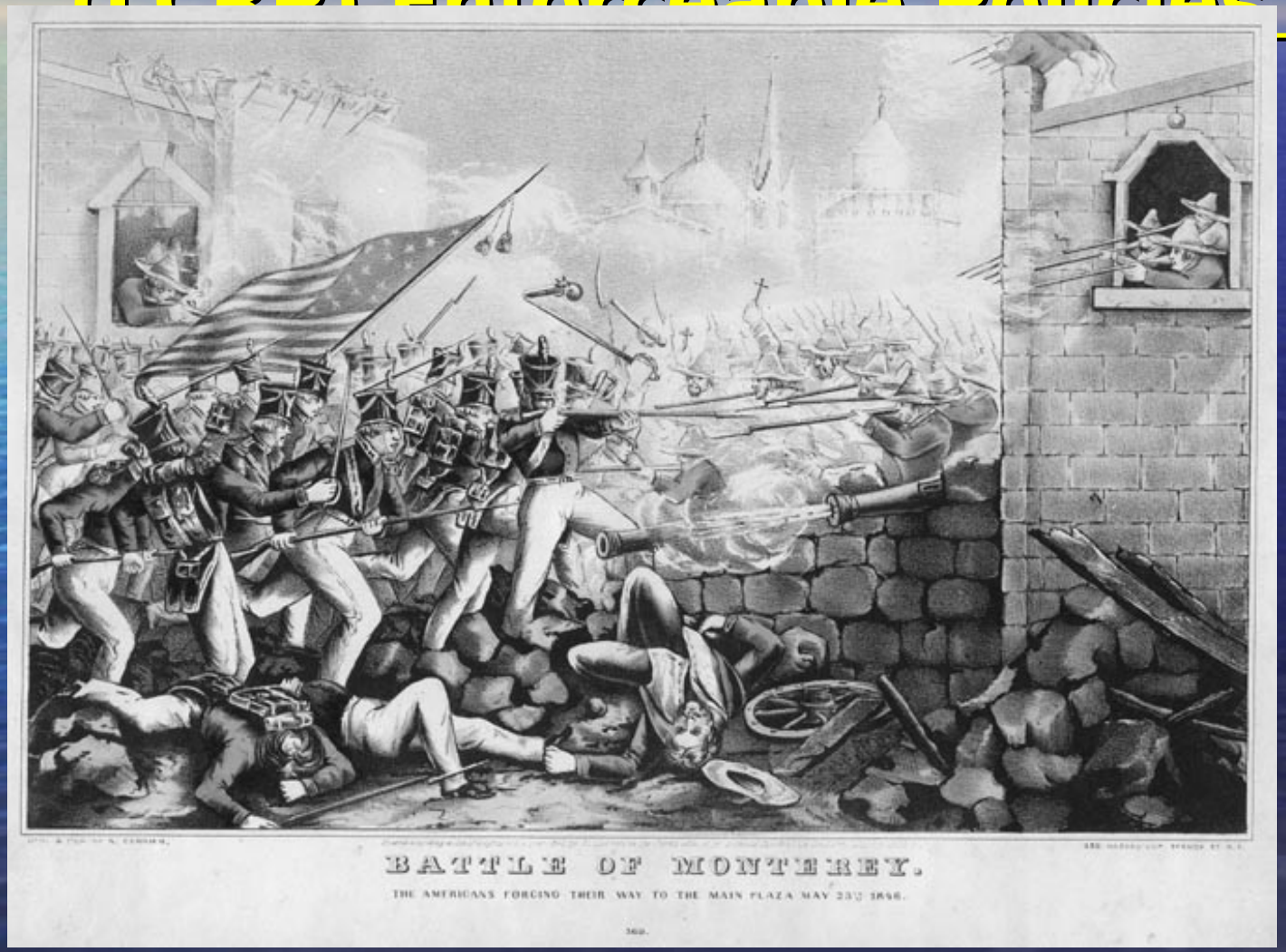
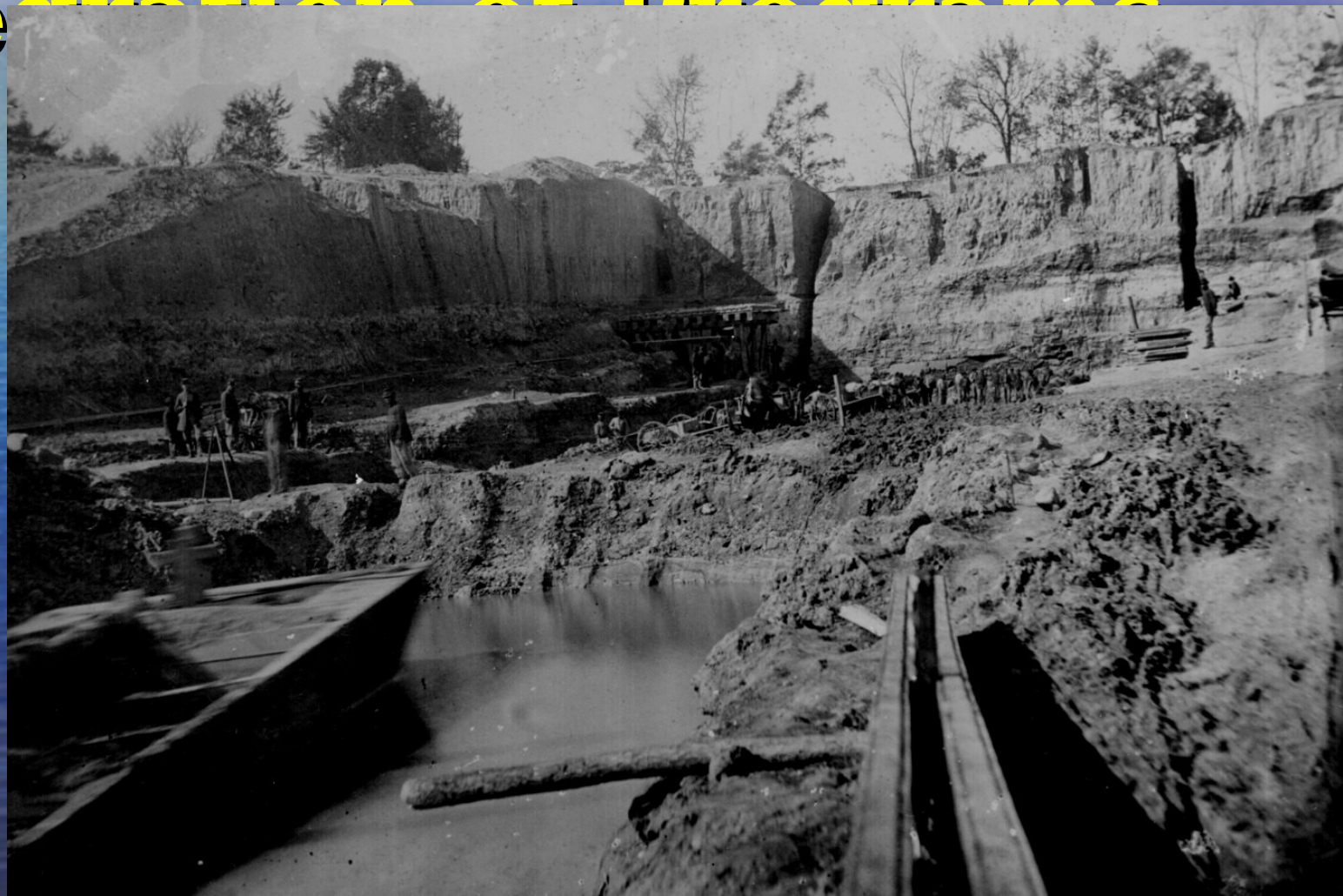


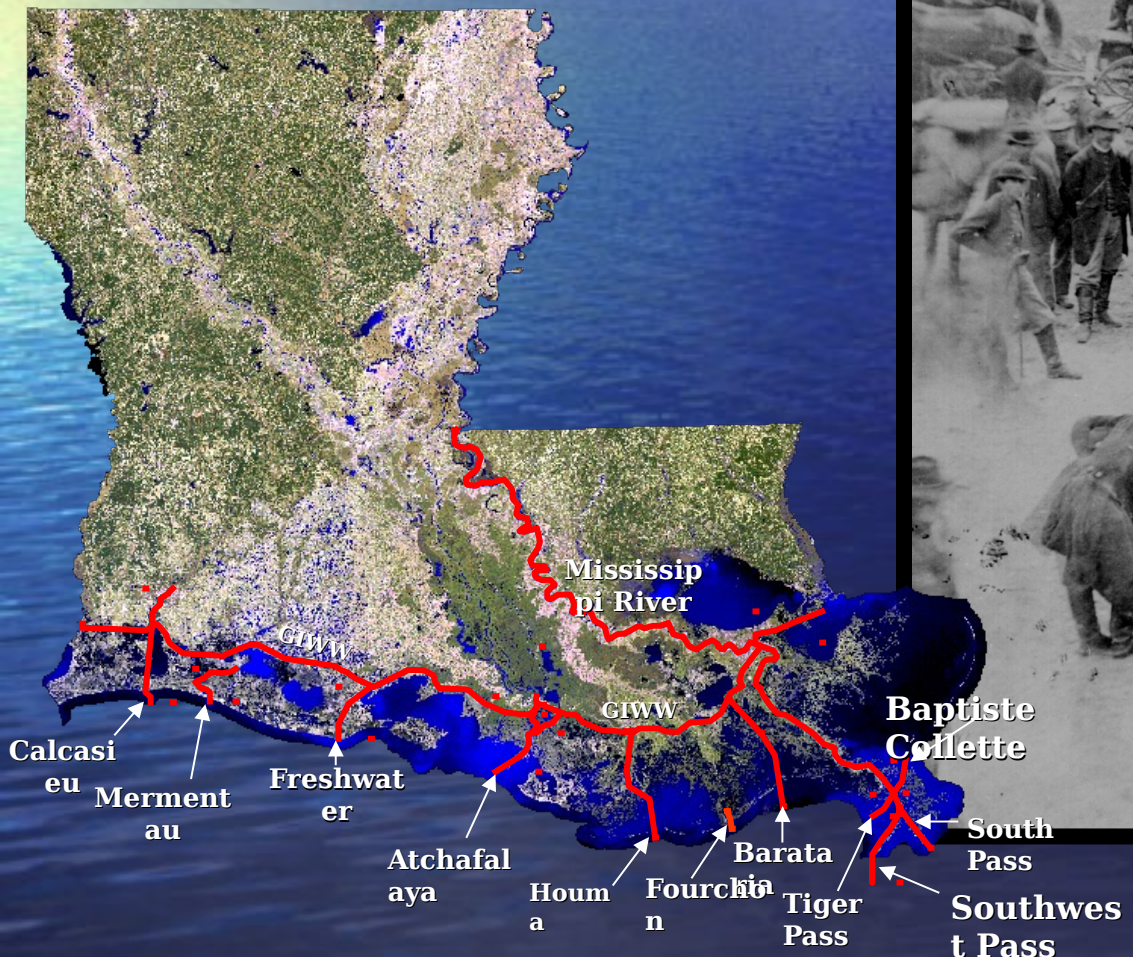
Local sponsor issues

Federal Standard and Incremental Cost

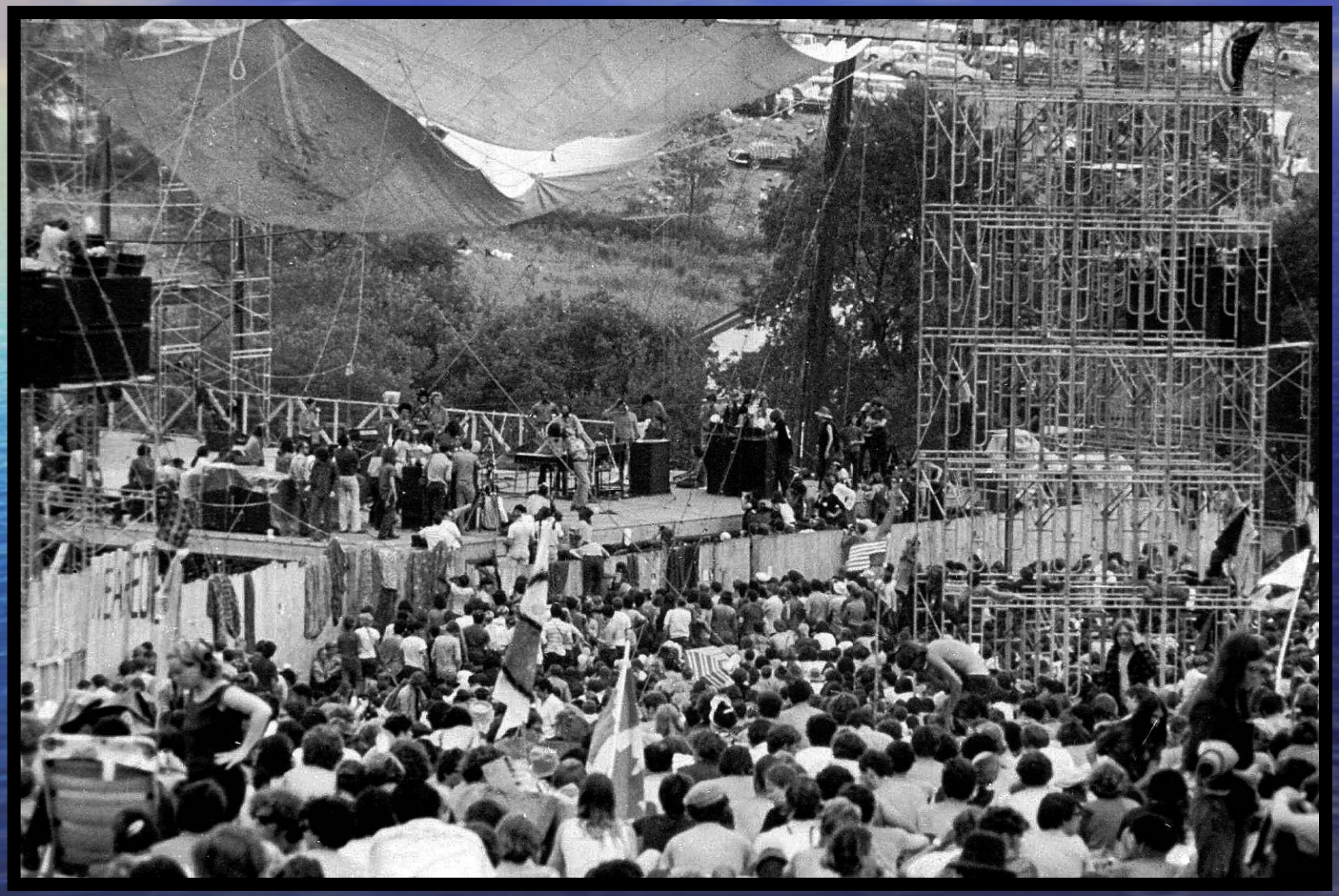
Long-range planning strategies and Inte



Opportunity Discussion and Assessment



Interest in the summit



Unintended consequences:

*****NOT EVERYONE IS GLAD THE GAME IS OVER

Follow-up – May 15

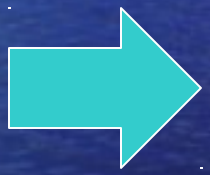
Results:

- Heightened awareness of critical issue
- Lessened tensions between agencies
- Integrated maps with NEPA, oyster lease, proposed site information
- Ten sites recommended, with LDNR prioritization
- COMMUNICATION!!!
  - Between agencies
  - Within district
- Involvement of executive level in decision process

Engineer Circular 1105-2-409, Planning in a Collaborative Environment

"Collaborative planning will ensure problems are solved at the proper scale with integrated agency purposes, and will more effectively leverage federal and other funds."

Final result:



Key Takeaway Points:

- Identify a partner with money
- Open dialogue early in process
- Meet regularly
- Follow through

Key Takeaway Points (cont.):

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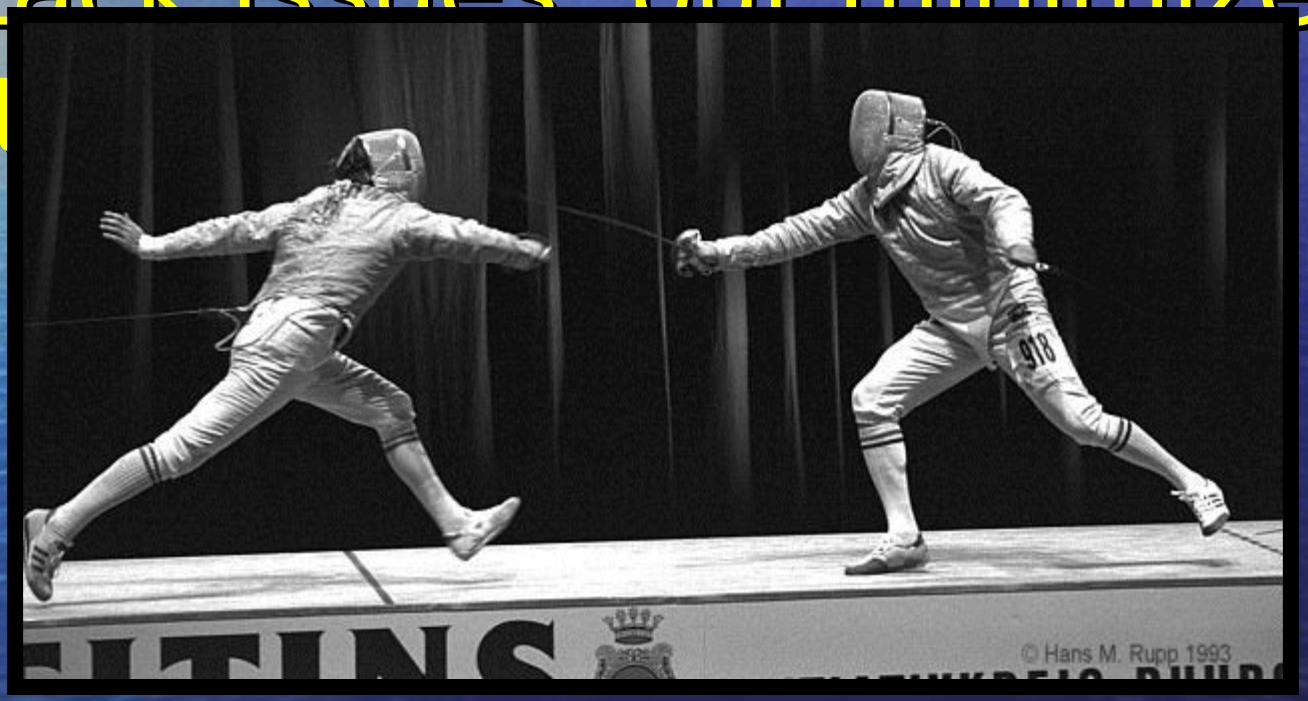

Locations recommended for contributed funds:

- Calcasieu
- Atchafalaya River
- Houma Navigation Canal
- Mississippi River